

Table B-15. Science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998 who have taken college courses since most recent degree, by type of degree or certificate sought and major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Took college courses between completing most recent degree and week of April 15, 1999 ¹				
		Total number	Type of degree or certificate sought			
			Ph.D. or prof. degree	Master's degree	Other degree or certificate	No degree or certificate
All science and engineering fields.....	743,400	300,300	78,000	142,800	39,900	39,600
Total science.....	628,800	266,500	73,900	118,900	38,700	35,000
Computer and information sciences.....	46,000	8,700	S	5,200	S	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	164,000	84,500	32,000	26,900	11,600	14,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	15,700	4,700	S	2,200	S	S
Biological sciences.....	134,900	74,600	29,800	22,400	10,500	11,900
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,500	5,100	S	2,300	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	23,700	9,600	1,400	5,300	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,500	18,400	7,600	7,100	2,300	1,500
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	11,000	5,900	3,000	1,400	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	8,700	3,100	S	2,000	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	7,200	4,100	1,300	2,000	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	600	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	146,700	68,500	7,800	40,900	11,800	8,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	211,800	76,700	24,500	33,400	11,200	7,700
Economics.....	32,700	8,600	2,600	4,200	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	71,700	30,400	15,500	9,300	3,700	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,500	24,400	4,600	13,600	3,800	S
Other social sciences.....	37,900	13,300	S	6,400	3,000	S
Total engineering.....	114,600	33,800	4,100	23,900	1,200	4,600
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,400	900	S	700	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	12,400	3,600	1,400	1,500	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,200	5,300	S	3,900	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	11,200	S	9,000	S	S
Industrial engineering.....	6,000	1,200	S	900	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	26,300	7,100	S	5,200	S	S
Other engineering.....	13,200	4,500	1,000	2,700	S	S

¹ Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1999.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999